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Application of: R. GOVINDARAJAN et al.

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Application No.: 09/853,619

Group Art Unit: 1614

Filed: May 14, 2001

Examiner: J. Goldberg

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THE TREATMENT OF
COLORECTAL CANCER

Attorney Docket No.: 9516-021

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 7, 2002, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-captioned application. A Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3-9, and 12-19 to provide the following:

1. (Amended) A method of treating colon cancer or rectal cancer which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of irinotecan, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate, or clathrate thereof, and a therapeutically effective amount of thalidomide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate, or clathrate thereof.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the irinotecan, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate, or clathrate thereof, is administered in an